

THE first sign: New spring fashions are appearing in the monthly magazines.

The Topeka State Journal

WEATHER forecast for Kansas: Fair tonight; warmer in west. Tuesday unsettled, with rain or snow in the northern part of Kansas.

HOME EDITION

TOPEKA, KANSAS, MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 3, 1916—TEN PAGES

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TWO MORE BIG SHIPS SUNK BY GERMANS

Largest Steamship in Mediterranean Warfare to Bottom.

One Hundred Survivors of British Ship "Glengyle."

WILL PARALYZE SHIPPING

All Crew Probably Perished With Steamship St. Oswald.

Also a British Owned Vessel; Last Reported Oct. 13.

London, Jan. 3.—Two more victims of submarine warfare in the Mediterranean sea were reported today. One is the big Glasgow steamer Glengyle, excepting the Lusitania and Arabic, the largest British merchantman torpedo victim of the war. The other is a British steamer, St. Oswald, 3,810 tons gross.

Fragmentary reports make accurate estimate of loss of life impossible. Probably not more than 100 survivors were lost on the Glengyle. The St. Oswald's movements have not been reported since October 13. It is probable all members of her crew perished.

The first dispatches received here said that about 100 survivors had been picked up. The Glengyle was sunk in the Mediterranean while on the way to Italy from the far east.

The Glengyle displaces 9,000 tons and presumably carried a large crew. It is believed that lives have been lost.

News of the sinking of the big Glasgow steamer reached here while the admiralty was sending every effort to learn more details of the sinking of the liner Persia with a loss of about 250 lives.

A moment later word came that the Japanese steamer Kenkou Maru, owned by the Inami Kaisha Shipping company, had been torpedoed.

The crew, it was stated, was saved.

There are six steamers owned by the Japanese company of the Kenkou Maru class, each numbered Kenkou Maru I, Kenkou Maru II, etc., and it is not known how many were sunk. They range in size from 1,847 to 4,777 tons.

The Glengyle was a new steamer built in 1914 at Newcastle and was owned by McGregor, Gow & Co., Glasgow. She was 500 feet long and had a 52-foot beam.

It is not believed that she carried any passengers. The same firm owns (Continued on Page 2.)

BLOW UP 2 PLANTS

French Artillery Destroys German Munition Depots.

Many Attacks on West Front, Says Official Report.

Paris, Jan. 3.—The war office tonight issued the following statement: "In Belgium, a bombardment by our field artillery and trench mortars against groups of the enemy in the direction of the Dunes caused heavy damage. Two fires were started and two munition depots were blown up."

"In the Argonne the fire of our batteries dispersed a body of Germans moving upon the road from Avon court to Malancourt."

"On the heights of the Meuse in the forest of Chevaliers, a heavy cannonade directed against the enemy trenches caused the destruction of several block houses."

"In the afternoon two shells fell in Nancy. The enemy's gun from which they came immediately was taken under our fire."

"In the region of Hartmannsweilerkopf the enemy carried on a violent bombardment following which our troops retired along a front of 200 metres on the western side of the ravine to the south of Rehelen. The enemy did not attempt any attack with infantry."

"The official Belgian statement says nothing in particular has transpired outside of the customary artillery struggles."

Requisitions All Leather. Paris, Jan. 3.—The government in order to satisfy the needs of the army, has decided on a general requisitioning of crude leather beginning January 5.

Kings Will Visit. Athens, Jan. 3.—King Peter, of Serbia, will go to Athens to visit King Constantine after an inspection of the Serbian troops at Saloniki. It is generally believed.

Thought Peter in Italy. Rome, Jan. 3.—The report that the king of Serbia is at Saloniki has been received with interest here by Serbian refugees. They believed that he was already in Italy.

VETERAN USES KNIFE, AXE GUN; SLAYS WIFE AND SELF

Ivory, Va., Jan. 3.—W. E. Johnson, once postmaster and a Confederate veteran, cut his wife's throat and brained her with an axe, then blew his own head off with a shotgun, at their home here Sunday. Mr. Johnson was 70 years old and his wife was 15 years younger.

Armored Bodies For Police Cars Thru Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 3.—Because of the large number of bank robberies and postoffice robberies in eastern Oklahoma, it is reported that armored bodies will be placed on two motor cars here for use of county officers in pursuing bandits. This information was obtained today from a local carriage builder, who asserted he is constructing the bodies. He declined, however, to make public the name of the officer who placed the order.

In numbers of recent bank robberies in the eastern counties motor cars have been used. The robbers have come down from their hiding places in the Kiamochi mountains and the Osage hills and because of their more rapid means of transportation, officers have found pursuit on horseback useless.

The motor car bodies, under construction here, are of light steel. They are being painted black and have a somewhat box-like appearance. Behind the windshield is a plate of steel, which can be raised or lowered by the driver by touching a pedal. It was asserted the cost of the construction is \$140 for each.

WILL LET THEM IN

Ford Party Obtains Permission to Pass Through Germany.

Kaiser's Minister Complicated After U. S. Refused to Aid.

WILL TRAVEL AS PRISONERS

Rigid Requirement Exacted and No Baggage Allowed.

Whisker Pulling Threatened in Peace Gents' Till.

(By Charles P. Stewart.) (Written for the State Journal.)

Copenhagen, Jan. 3.—Germany has granted permission for the Ford peace party to cross German soil on the way to the Hague from Copenhagen, it was announced today. The German government has stipulated that the party must be accompanied by a German delegate, the American state department having refused to act. The party will leave Copenhagen next Friday.

No opportunity will be offered for spreading peace propaganda on Teutonic soil. It is understood that none of the members of the party will be permitted to leave the train while within the borders of Germany.

The neutral peace conference at the Hague will last only a few days. Under present arrangements the exiles will be permitted to return to their homes (Continued on Page 2.)

ASKS STATE HELP

Topeka Will Refuse Payment of Royalties to Luten

If the Commonwealth Will Pay Expense of Fight.

Resolutions asking Governor Capper and the office of the attorney general to back Topeka and stand all expenses of litigation in case of a break with Daniel Luten, holder of numerous bridge patents, was brought before the city commission today. It was read the first time, but in good time it will reach the state officials and it will be up to them to say just how far they are willing to back up their arrangement of Luten and his royalties.

Luten holds the patents on all of the more practical concrete bridge designs. He requires the payment of a royalty of ten per cent wherever a bridge conforming to his designs is constructed. Topeka has been paying the royalty year after year, finding it cheaper to do so than to enter into litigation with the patent holder. The payment of the royalty is a matter of some concern to the city to build a bridge of the Luten design but it provides also for the furnishing of complete plans and specifications of the bridge.

The resolution offered today came from the department of W. G. Tandy, commissioner. It is full of references but stripped of its legal verbiage, it simply provides that if the state officials will do all the fighting and pay the bill, Topeka will stand pat and refuse to pay the Luten royalty. It states that Topeka does not want to pay the ten per cent royalty unless it has to, but that it has found it to be cheaper in the past than taking a chance of paying a big bill for litigation.

There has been a great deal of discussion in relation to the Luten patents and the payment of the royalties. The patent office at Washington granted Luten his patents and he claims to have been universally successful in his operations. This is the reason the officials of Topeka do not care to risk any city money fighting a case through the courts. But most of the talking has been done by state officials and Topeka officials are perfectly willing to have the former spend the state's money.

RUSSIAN SINKS TWO TEUTON SUBMARINES

Amsterdam, Jan. 3.—Russian warships have sunk two German submarines off the Bulgarian Black sea port of Varna according to reports reaching here today.

N. Y. Legislature Opens Wednesday. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Legislative leaders are here today for the launching of the 1916 legislative session. The Republicans will control both houses. The senate roll shows 34 Republicans and 12 Democrats. In the assembly, 94 Republicans, 34 Democrats, 1 Progressive and 1 Socialist.

WILSON BACK TO CAPITAL TO HANDLE CRISIS

Diplomatic Furor on Over Sinking of Ships.

Austrian Ambassador Disposed to Smooth It Over.

SURVIVORS SAY NO WARNING

Vienna Embassy Ordered to Solicit Explanation.

American Consul Reports Persian Carried Cannon.

Washington, Jan. 3.—President Wilson will return to the capital tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock to take charge of the new crisis in foreign relations caused by the submarine campaign in the Mediterranean with loss of American life.

After conferences over the telephone between the president and Secretary Tumulty and Secretary Lansing, it was announced at the White House and also at Hot Springs, Va., the president would arrive here tomorrow. He will state authoritatively that the destruction of the British liner Persia with loss of American life and the destruction of the British ship Glengyle had put such a grave aspect on the relations of the United States with the Teutonic powers that the president considered it necessary to return at once for conferences with Secretary Lansing and the other members of the cabinet.

While American officials are keeping their minds open until they have all the facts in the Persia case officially and know the extent of the danger to the lives of the crew of the Glengyle, the gravity of the situation is not (Continued on Page 2.)

WOMAN IN PLOT

She Demands Immunity Because She Told About It.

Indicted as Detective in German Arson Plot.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—The federal grand jury was called to meet again today to resume its investigation into the alleged German plots to blow up ships and munition plants. Judge McQuinn today indicted a woman, Mrs. Margaret B. Cornell, as a threat against the Teutons in their Balkan operations, while the Austrian consuls in France, Germany and Italy are being investigated for their part in the plot.

The woman, Mrs. Margaret B. Cornell, a detective in whose employ the German consuls in France, Germany and Italy are being investigated for their part in the plot. She is charged with using the mails to incite the Teutons to arson in the United States.

Mrs. Cornell claimed immunity from trial on the ground she was compelled to testify before the grand jury.

"Continuation School" for Child Labor. Beaver Falls, Pa., Jan. 3.—Beaver Falls today opened a new kind of public school, with an enrollment of nearly 100 young pupils. It is the "continuation school" under the new Pennsylvania child labor law which makes it compulsory for employed minors to receive at least eight hours' educational instruction weekly.

Says Cook Own Meats. Cleveland, Jan. 3.—The new year right by cooking their own meats. They are boy scouts who will go to the annual winter outing starting today.

NEAR THE FROST LINE

The Temperature Bobs Around the Freezing Point Day and Night.

The weather Sunday was of the variety usually experienced in March. The highest temperature was 46 degrees and the day was sunny and quiet. The lowest temperature last night was 26 degrees, which is 10 above normal for this date. Four years ago today the mercury was down to 10 degrees below zero.

With the wind in the south this morning there was a prospect of a temperature near the high record. The highest mark ever recorded was 57 degrees in 1909. At 10 o'clock this morning the mercury was up to 35 degrees. The shippers' forecast indicates temperatures as follows: For 36 hour shipments north and west, 25; south and east, 30 degrees. The temperature at Topeka tonight will be between the two readings.

The Kaw river stands at 5.7 feet today, showing a fall of 2 of a foot since Sunday morning.

Little change in weather is expected tonight. The forecast calls for fair weather with higher temperature in the west tonight; unsettled, with probable rain or snow in the northern part of the state Tuesday.

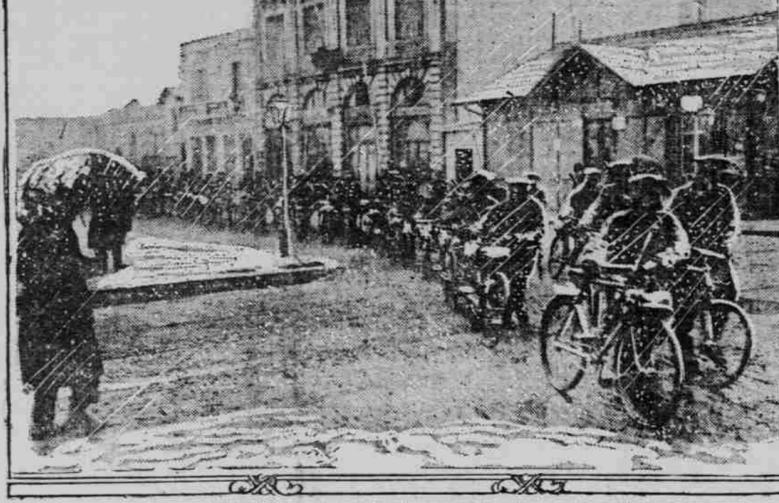
The wind blew today at the rate of 15 miles an hour from the south. The temperature came within 10 degrees of the high record. Following are the hourly readings for today:

7 o'clock.....27 11 o'clock.....40
8 o'clock.....28 12 o'clock.....43
9 o'clock.....29 1 o'clock.....44
10 o'clock.....38 2 o'clock.....47

Kaiser's Illness Grows Critical Had Operation

Paris, Jan. 3.—Press dispatches from Switzerland and Italy continue to affirm that the illness of Emperor William is serious. It is stated he was operated on last Wednesday, successfully, but the nature of the operation is not specified. It is stated that the emperor is suffering from a deep-seated affection of which the cutaneous eruption is only an incidental symptom and that the malady is complicated by the reappearance of his old throat trouble which has extended to the mouth. It is even asserted that it will be necessary to provide him with an artificial palate made of silver.

BRITISH CYCLISTS ADVANCE IN BLINDING SNOW



BRITISH CYCLISTS ADVANCE IN BLINDING SNOW. A British cycle regiment was dispatched to advance and locate the enemy and they are shown here starting on their errand in the face of a blinding snow storm.

NEW SLAV DRIVE JAPS JOIN FRAY NEW GAS RATE ROW

Russians Beating Austrians Dispatch Squadron of Warships Utilities Commission Would Block Federal Court.

Back in South Zone. Will Protect Marine Shipping Goes to Supreme Court for Restraining Order.

Cross Stripa River; Threaten Against Central Powers. TWO JAPANESE SHIPS SUNK HOLD CASE IN STATE COURTS

GERMAN MINES BURY ENEMY Yasaka Maru and Kenkou Maru Submarine Victims. Action Would Preserve Rate Making Power.

French Guns Kill Alsace Villagers Leaving Church. U. S. Orders France to Release German Prisoners. Order Ties Hands of Kansas Natural Receivers.

Prompts Mikado to Send Flo-tilla Against Enemy. The Kansas public utilities commission today sought refuge under the wing of the state supreme court in an effort to dodge gas litigation in the federal courts. New issues in the case were drawn when the utilities commission asked the supreme court for an order restraining the further prosecution of gas suits before the United States supreme court.

Action by the utilities commission was taken today following a conference in Topeka last week. At that time the attorneys for the utilities commission decided to go to the supreme court for relief and evade, if possible, the trial of the gas cases in the federal courts. Because the supreme court recently decided that it had jurisdiction in the gas rate case, the commission today asked that the state tribunal protect that jurisdiction through the granting of an injunction. Judge John F. Chaney, of Independence, and John M. Landon and R. (Continued on Page 2.)

SINKS JAP FREIGHTER. Crew of German Submarine's Victim Lands at Cannes, France. Tokio, Jan. 3.—The owner of the Japanese freighter Kenkou Maru has advised that the vessel was sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on December 29. The Kenkou Maru was under charter by a foreigner. She was loaded with hemp at Manila and sailed for Italy and England.

The Kenkou Maru was a steamer of 2,109 tons. She sailed from Manila, November 5.

Basil Hardisty of Overbrook a Victim of Stomach Trouble. Basil Hardisty, 82 years of age, president of the First National bank of Overbrook, and wealthy Osage county land owner, died at 3 o'clock this morning at his home in Overbrook, Kansas. Mr. Hardisty's death resulted from stomach trouble.

George P. Hayden, city attorney, was introduced by the city commission this morning to bring suit in the district court of Shawnee county, to enjoin the public utilities commission from enforcing its recent order prohibiting the gas company from furnishing free gas to the city of Topeka. Under the franchise granted to the gas company when it sought to do business in Topeka the city was to receive free gas during the life of the contract. The city has been using gas for lighting and laboratory purposes for years but the order issued by the public utilities commission increasing the gas rate to individual consumers also cut off the free gas to cities.

Commissioner W. L. Porter, whose department must stand the loss, says it will cost the city several hundred dollars each year without the free gas. A similar suit has already been brought by Atchison where conditions were the same as in Topeka. The Atchison case is the one that will be tried out in the courts but a decision in that case will determine the Topeka case.

"We don't intend to push the case we will bring," said Mr. Hayden today. "I will simply bring the suit and allow it to stand pending a decision in the Atchison case. However, we will render all possible assistance to the Atchison attorney when the case is tried. We object to having anything cut off that is free, particularly when the franchise granted by the city calls for it."

Hal Chase Won't Be Barred. Chicago, Ill., Jan. 3.—Hal Chase, first baseman who left the Chicago Americans in midseason to join the Buffalo Federales, will find no bar raised against him by Owner Comiskey of the White Sox, who today said that Manager Rowland was free to sign any player from the Federal League whom he could get.

Exports Increase But Customs Receipts Less. New York, Jan. 3.—A total gain of \$970,826,222 in merchandise exports with a decrease of \$24,832,748 in customs receipts for the year 1915 as compared with 1914, is shown in a report of the collector of the port of New York. There was an increase of \$983,669,972 in domestic merchandise exports alone. The increase in imports of gold and silver during 1915 amounted to \$145,799,347. Merchandise imports showed an increase of \$5,246,022.



Basil Hardisty, President of the First National Bank of Overbrook, Who Died This Morning.

Mr. Hardisty was also one of the early Kansas settlers. Born in 1833 in Ohio, Mr. Hardisty came to Kansas in the early sixties and settled at Overbrook where he has lived ever since.

Mr. Hardisty is survived by his wife and one son, Frank Hardisty.

McNeely's Mother Ill. Monroe, N. C., Jan. 3.—Mrs. W. R. McNeely, mother of Consul McNeely, is critically ill as the result of paralysis sustained last week. She has not been told that her son is reported among the missing passengers of the Persia.

DEATH TOLL ON LINER PERSIA IS MORE THAN 200

On Board Were 200 Passengers; 200 to 300 in Crew.

Of 158 Rescued, but 59 Were on Passenger List.

M'NEELY DEATH IS CONFIRMED

Survivors Remained in Water for Thirty Hours.

Charles Grant, Boston, Picked Up by British Destroyer.

London, Jan. 3.—The loss of life in connection with the sinking of the British steamship Persia, torpedoed in the eastern Mediterranean Thursday afternoon, is still a matter of doubt. Latest advices from Cairo and Alexandria indicate 158 survivors have been landed, of whom 59 were passengers. They were picked up by the British destroyer Mallard, 30 hours after the ship sank. Hope that others have been saved is diminishing, as four days have now elapsed since the vessel was deemed to have been abandoned. No official record has been received concerning Robert N. McNeely, American consul at Aden, Arabia, and there seems to be little doubt he was drowned. The safety of Charles Grant of Boston, having been established, it is thought Mr. McNeely was the only American who perished.

It is still impossible to give even with accuracy the loss of life, as the number of persons on board has not been established. The passengers numbered more than 200, so with 200 to 300 in the crew, apparently the death toll will run largely in excess of 200.

Accounts Fragmentary. Such fragmentary accounts of the (Continued on Page 2.)

TWO MORE JAILED

Bulgaria Gets Even, Arresting French Diplomat.

Athens Report Says Norwegian Consul Also Seized.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—The Bulgarian government has arrested the French vice consul at Sofia with the intention of implicating the Bulgarian consul at Salonki, according to the Overseas News agency, which adds that the vice consul has been arrested for consideration of the Bulgarian government, in order to assist the Dutch minister, charged with the trial of the Greek interests.

Arrest Norwegian Consul, Too. London, Jan. 3.—Reuter's Athens correspondent says the Norwegian consul at Salonki was arrested at the time the French consul was arrested. The arrest of the Norwegian official is said to have resulted from the discovery at the Austrian and German consulates in Salonki of documents implicating him in connection with espionage. The Greek government, the message says, has protested against the arrest of Greeks suspected of espionage.

U. S. Consul in Charge. Salonki, Jan. 3.—(By Wireless to Paris, Jan. 3.)—At the request of General Sarail, commander of the French forces here, John E. Kehl, American consul at Salonki, has taken charge of the Turkish and German interests. The consulates will be delivered to him tomorrow.

The German, Austro-Hungarian, Turkish and Bulgarian consuls at Salonki were arrested last Thursday by order of General Sarail as a reply to a bombardment by Teutonic aeroplanes. A dispatch Saturday said that the American consul had taken over the Austro-Hungarian interests.

London, Jan. 3.—It is stated that in case the measures taken by Greece do not lead to their release, the porte will make reprisals against the subjects of the entente powers.

Greece has made a protest to the entente powers in connection with the arrest of the consuls of the central allies at Salonki.

Protest by Ottoman. London, Jan. 3.—The Amsterdam correspondent of Reuter's Telegram sends the following: According to a Constantinople telegram the porte, through the intermediary of the American embassy, has protested energetically against the arbitrary arrest of the Ottoman consul and officials at Salonki.

Pay Up Week in Galesburg. Galesburg, Mo., Jan. 3.—The residents of Galesburg started today to pay their bills. Those who can't finish up the task today, can do so any time before January 8. "Pay Up Week" is being observed here.

Reform Mayor of Philadelphia Out of a Job

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—Four years of reform administration in Philadelphia came to an end today with the retirement as mayor of Rudolph E. Blankenburg and the inauguration of Thomas B. Smith, thus giving the regular Republicans control again of the municipal officers. Blankenburg, the only mayor the reformers have succeeded in putting into office in many years, will take a long vacation in California.

Indiana, Jan. 3.—How a beautiful woman is alleged to have received property worth \$10,000 in exchange for a smile, a cigar, a glass of beer and \$1 was to be told in circuit court here today when the civil action of Hodge vs. Mrs. James Rhoads opened.

Mrs. Rhoads, of social consequence in Newcastle, Ind., was a lover to Hogan's wife. When Mrs. Hogan died Hogan decided the property to Mrs. Rhoads and now Hogan wants the property back. In ordinary testimony given by Mrs. Rhoads she tells of many years spent as a trapeze performer and contortionist with various circuses.

SMILE, CIGAR, GLASS OF BEER AND 1 DOLLAR FOR \$10,000 IN LAND

Many of Crew Also Injured When Tanker Blows Up.

Three Slain by Blackhanders' Bomb Through Window.

New York, Jan. 3.—Eighteen men are reported to have been killed and many were injured when the tank steamer Actae blew up in the harbor in Brooklyn this afternoon.

Seven members of the crew and eleven men employed in loading the steamer were killed. The explosion was a dynamite bomb thrown through the window of the Apostolo home at midnight. The dynamite was the result of a feud among garbagemen.

Black Handers Kill Three. Sacramento, Jan. 3.—A. Grande and A. Argoni were killed instantly and Peter Apostolo died this morning from injuries received by the explosion of a dynamite bomb thrown through the window of the Apostolo home at midnight. The dynamite was the result of a feud among garbagemen.